

Pennsylvania Sunday-school Convention

The 21st Annual Convention of the Brethren Sunday-schools met in session at 2:15 P. M., being called to order by Moderator J. C. Mackey. Devotion services were conducted by Roger Darling, using as his lesson the 8th chapter of Nehemiah. After the singing of the long meter Doxology a very cordial and appreciative address of welcome was delivered by Miss Gertrude Kennedy as follows:

Brothers and Sisters of the Brethren Church of Pennsylvania: This most pleasant duty has been assigned me, of bidding you welcome. We have one and all looked anxiously forward to this gathering of loyal hearts in the Master's cause with longing hearts. Our prayers have been for its success. Many times during the past few months have the prayers of our pastor and members ascended to the throne of mercy, asking that this might be one of joy and one tending to advance our spiritual welfare. When partings occur in this life how it pains the heart. How apt we are to think too lightly of the worth of our friends till we are separated from them. When our late rebellion occurred in '61 and the call for volunteers was sent out many loyal youth shouldered the musket and went forth to battle for the cause of freedom. Many were the sad partings then. Fathers, sons, brothers and sweethearts bid farewell to their loved ones. Some farewells were for the last time, while others were permitted to enjoy the happy home coming in '65 after the four years of fighting, suffering and starvation. As it was in '65 so let it be today, a happy and joyful reunion. One year has elapsed since our last State Conference and one year's work has been accomplished for the Master. When we look back over the short life of the Brethren church and then note our numbers now, and the per cent of increase each year, how our grateful thanks should ascend to our heavenly Father for his blessings. We feel to thank him for the faithful under-shepherds he has called for us, for the faithful Sabbath-school officers and teachers, and for the dear little ones sent to us each Lord's day to be taught the way of truth and life.

Dear brothers and sisters let us strive with our Father's help to make this conference year greater than any in the past, let us reap greater harvest next June than we have this, let us put on the whole armor of God that we may be able to fight the battles of life and in the end be victors in the cause of Christ. And now pastors, Sabbath-school superintendents, officers and teachers, or better, brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome you to our city of gas, smoke and bustle, to our homes, our church and our hearts, and may the Holy Spirit reign supreme in each heart and may our work laid out and accomplished this coming year be to the honor and glorifying of our heavenly Father. Again I bid you welcome.

Responses were made by Moderator J. C. Mackey, W. L. Spanogle, Henry Wise, J. H. Knepper, J. W. Smouse, R. Z. Replogle, E. H. Smith, J. B. Wampler, J. C. Cassel, Pat O'Neil, H. W. Hollabaugh and Albert Trent.

The chair appointed Marcus Witter and R. Z. Replogle as committee on credentials. They reported the following list of delegates: J. E. Parsons, Mrs. J. E. Parsons, Albert Trent, Johnstown; J. C. Mackey, Salisbury; Mrs. Annie Fike, Miss Cora Berkley, Meyersdale; Mrs. Clara Newberry, Altoona; Mrs. Jennie Mackey, Salisbury; Miss Stella Shearrer, Conemaugh; E. E. Roberts, J. C. Cassel, Philadelphia; Reuben Delozier, Mc Kees; Fred Wise, Quiet Dale; J. W. Smouse, Fairview; Gertrude Kennedy, Pollie Tummin, Mrs. D. K. Bole, Pittsburg; J. M. Murry Bridgeport; Jacob Furry, New Enterprise; Pat O'Neil, Conemaugh; Anna Saylor, Listie; Mrs. P. G. Nowag, W. H. Menges, Berlin; Miss Lydia Horner, Jones Mills; W. H. Lyon, Washington, D. C.; E. H. Smith, Seargentsville, N. J.; J. H. Knepper, Meyersdale, Pa.

After the report of the credential committee had been acted upon, brother W. L. Spanogle, seconded by brother J. F. Koontz, made a motion which carried that we proceed to organization. Chair appointed brothers J. W. Smouse, Pat O'Neil and Al-

bert Trent as tellers. Proceeded to the election of moderator. After the first ballot, which failed to elect, a motion by the secretary, seconded by brother J. F. Koontz, to the effect that the four receiving the highest number of votes be retained and balloted for, was carried. The chairman of the tellers, brother J. W. Smouse announced the names of Albert Trent, J. H. Knepper, J. C. Mackey and J. F. Koontz as being the four of whom the convention should make a choice. When taking count of second ballot, brother J. C. Cassel, thru the courtesy of the chair, presented some matters concerning the interests of the Brethren Publishing Board. The tellers announced that upon second ballot no election had been made. Brother J. H. Knepper, one of the three ministerial candidates, suggested that the three ministerial candidates withdraw, whereupon W. L. Spanogle made a motion seconded by J. H. Knepper, that Albert Trent be elected by acclamation. Motion prevailed and Brother Trent took the chair as moderator. Brother J. W. Smouse made a motion, seconded by brother J. A. Murry that the one of the four receiving the next highest vote for moderator should be declared elected as vice moderator. Motion prevailed and the chair announced the name of brother J. H. Knepper as being the selection for vice moderator. As the newly elected moderator had been serving in the capacity of teller, he appointed brother J. M. Murray to take his place. At this juncture a motion by brother Henry Wise seconded by brother J. F. Koontz was made and carried that brother W. M. Lyon of Washington, D. C., be considered a member of this convention. A similar motion made by brother I. D. Bowman seconded by brother J. M. Murray, relating to brother E. H. Smith of Seargentsville, N. J., was passed by convention. For the office of secretary the convention re elected J. E. Parsons. On the first ballot for treasurer there was no choice. On motion of the secretary, seconded by brother J. W. Smouse, the convention agreed to take the names of the three highest on the list and proceed to second ballot. By this decision the names of brothers J. C. Kennedy, D. J. Bole and Jacob Furry were placed before convention. The teller announced no election on second ballot when brother J. H. Knepper moved, seconded by brother J. F. Koontz that the one receiving the least vote be stricken from the list and that the two highest be again balloted for. Agreed to leaving the names of J. C. Kennedy and D. J. Bole before convention. On third ballot J. C. Kennedy was declared elected to fill the office of treasurer. The moderator then discharged the tellers with the thanks of the convention. A motion was made by brother R. Z. Replogle seconded by brother Henry Wise that the officers elect be brought before convention and that retiring Moderator Mackey speak their praise which he very admirably performed. After Brother Mackey's functions were performed brother Roger Darling in behalf of the Pittsburg Brethren church presented each of the officers with a very beautiful and appropriate badge designating their offices, asking that they be worn and used by the present officers and their successors. The recipients of the badges made short responses of acceptance. The chair announced the following committees: On queries, Miss Gertrude Kennedy, J. C. Cassel and Pat O'Neil; on tabulated statement, J. W. Smouse, I. D. Bowman and Dr. Kennedy; on resolutions, J. C. Mackey, J. B. Wampler, W. L. Spanogle, Henry Wise and J. F. Koontz.

Brother W. L. Spanogle made a motion, seconded

by brother J. C. Mackey, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to take into consideration and report to convention for action as to the best season or time of the year for holding convention. On this committee the chair appointed brother W. L. Spanogle, J. C. Mackey and J. C. Cassel. A very able paper entitled, "Secret of Success in Bible School Teaching," was read by Mrs. D. K. Bole, followed in general discussion by the following brethren: E. E. Haskins, I. D. Bowman and E. H. Smith.

A motion made by brother J. C. Mackey, seconded by brother W. L. Spanogle, was carried to the effect that our sessions close as follows: Morning, 11:30 A. M., afternoon, 4:30 P. M., and evening at 9:45 P. M. A motion by brother I. D. Bowman, seconded by brother R. S. Replogle, that the program committee fill vacancies on the program. Prevailed. A communication from the Woman's C. T. U., was read by the secretary as follows:

MEMORIAL ON A TEMPERANCE SABBATH

To the Convention of the Brethren church to meet in Pittsburg: Your memorialist would respectfully represent that the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, in accordance with the plan of the London Sabbath School Union, is endeavoring to secure the observance of the fourth Sabbath in November as "Temperance Day." Believing that your influence would be of great help in advancing this movement, we most earnestly request the convention to recommend the observance of this day as an annual Temperance Sabbath.

ANNA R. MAHOOD,

Sup't. S. S. Dep't., W. C. T. U.

Brother J. C. Mackey made a motion, seconded by the secretary that the matter be placed in the hands of a committee of 3 of whom 2 should be sisters. Motion carried. Motion prevailed that we adjourn. After singing the doxology we were dismissed with benediction pronounced by brother J. B. Wampler.

SECOND SESSION

Called to order at 7:50 P. M., by Moderator Trent. Singing from No. 78 in Gospel Hymns. Devotional services, owing to the absence of Elder M. C. Myers, were conducted by brother E. H. Smith who took for his lesson, I Cor. 2. Sang No. 145 of Gospel Hymns.

Moderator announced that sisters J. C. Mackey, D. K. Bole and brother R. Z. Replogle would comprise the W. C. T. U. Memorial committee. The address, Recreation—Its Proper use and Limitation to the Bible School Teacher, by Elders J. B. Wampler and D. J. Bole, as also the address, "How can we Secure the Attendance of our Elder Members and the Bad Boy in our Bible Schools?" by brothers Albert Trent and Dr. J. C. Kennedy was ably presented by the above mentioned brethren and followed in general discussion by brethren W. L. Spanogle, J. C. Cassel, J. C. Kennedy, D. K. Bole and Pat O'Neil. After the taking of collection Brother Darling made his announcements. The choir rendered some excellent music after which the benediction was pronounced by brother I. D. Bowman.

THIRD SESSION

Meeting called to order at 9 A. M., by Moderator Albert Trent. After singing No. 597 from Gospel Hymns, and owing to the absence of elder Arthur Hetric, brother H. W. Hollabaugh conducted devotional services taking for his lesson the 10th chapter of Ephesians.

Singing from No. 305 Gospel Hymns.

Minutes of former sessions read and approved as corrected.

Chair asked if the committee on queries had any-